

The Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

I support the "Fair Share Plan" mostly because I'm 73 years old and now unable to change a flat tire at the side of the road or even walk as far as would be needed to find a public phone. I carry a cell phone in my car and use it, at most, 10 to 15 times a year for emergencies or to let relatives know where I am. To accomplish this I use a prepaid phone-card cellular service; for me the most cost effective method. If I were to enter into a cellular agreement with my land line provider the burden on my fixed income for the intended purpose would be considerably higher. Therefore, I use the services of two long distance providers, one landline and one cellular. I'm not exactly interested in being taxed two-fold at a much higher cost. Which would you suggest that I give up in order to live within my means?

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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